

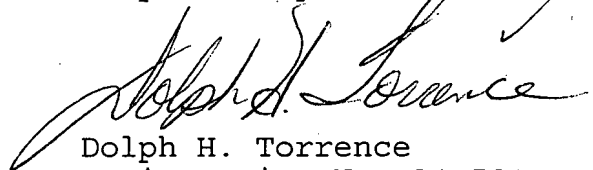
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number of illustrative embodiments falling within the scope of a generic inventive concept. Moreover, it would appear that a search and examination of the entire application can be conducted without a serious burden on the Examiner since the multiple embodiments identified of record would seemingly encompass a common field of search.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the election requirement and issue an action on the merits of all embodiments presently in the case. Alternatively, should the Examiner maintain the requirement, Applicants await a complete action on the merits of the elected subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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